The CTBTO will consist of a conference of States Parties which will meet on an annual basis; a 51 member Executive Council to monitor day to day implementation; and a Technical Secretariat to assist in the verification activity including the operation of the International Data Centre and the International Monitoring System. The CTBTO will be located in Vienna (Austria).

5. *Entry into force* : This provision states that the treaty shall enter into force 180 days after the date of deposit of instruments of ratification by all states listed in Annex 2 to this treaty, but in no case earlier than two years after its opening for signature. This provision also states that if the treaty has not entered into force three years after the date from the time the treaty opened for signature, there is a provision for a conference of the States Parties of those who have already deposited their intruments of ratification, to take place to decide by consensus what measures consistent with international law may be undertaken to accelerate the ratification process in order to facilitate the eafly entry into force of this treaty. Annex 2 is a list of 44 countries, including India. We have made it clear we are not bound by this provision.

6. *Eiyhdrawal* : The CTBT provides for withdrawal by a State Party in exercise of supreme national interest.

7. *Review* : The Treaty provides for a review by the States Parties at a periodic interval of ten years. The Review Conference is expected to decide on the conduct of underground PNE's on the basis of consensus.

8. *Verification* : The verification regime will consist of an International Monitoring System based upon four international technology networks - seismic, Radionuclide, Hydroacoustic and Infrasonic monitoring networks. Monitoring stations are distributed globally to provide for requisite degree of assurance that the treaty is being observed and any violations can be detected. In addition, provisions for On site Inspection have also been included in the Treaty

[Translation]

Arjuna Award

495 SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of players selected by the Government for giving the Arjun awards in 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the number out of them awarded with the award, and

(c) the reasons for not giving the award to all the selected players?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) Arjuna Award was given to 10 persons in 1993 and to 8 persons in 1994. For 1995 the awards have not been finalised.

(b) All the selected players were awarded.

(c) Does not arise.

Irrigation Potential

496. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the total irrigation water available in the country and the extent to which it is being utilized as on March 1996; and

(b) the details of increase in the irrigation potential during the last five years in Madhya Pradesh and the amount spent on it?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The total utilisable water available in the country is about 1142 billion cubic metres. Out of this, 606 billion cubic metres of water is being utilised. Out of the available water for utilisation, irrigation potential of approximately 89 42 million hectares has been anticipated to be created in the country as on March 1996 and approximately 79.04 million hectares has been anticipated to be utilised

(b) Increase in irrigation potential and amount spent on it in the last five years in Madhya Pradesh are as follows :

Year	Increase in Irrigation Potential (Million hectares	Amount spent (Rupees crores)
1991-92	0.132	392 36
1992-93	0.111	440 58
1993-94	0.086	449 98
1994-95	0.092 (anticipated)	345 33 (Revised Estimate)
1995-96	0.104 (Target)	428 74 (Outlay)

[English]

Passport Office in Cannanore

497. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received for setting up a passport office in Cannanore district of Kerala;

(b) whether any study has been made to determine the number of application for passports and renewals from Cannanore, Kasaragod and Wayanad area of Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details of findings?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K GUJRAL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes Sir A study was conducted in 1994 to determine the district-wise distribution of passport applications from all states including the state of Kerla. The study did not reveal any imbalance in the location of the existing Passport Offices, Passport Offices are generally located in areas/ cities with maximum input of applications.

Water Supply Schemes in States

498 SHRI S.D.N R WADIYAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether his Ministry has been funding any water supply scheme in some States

(b) if so, the details of those centrally funded schemes,

(c) whether any such scheme is being implemented in Karnataka since Eighth Plan,

(d) if so, the funds sanctioned to Karnataka under those schemes in different years in the Eighth Plan, and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR U VENKATESWARLU) (a) Yes. Sir

(b) (i) A Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) launched in 1993-94 provides for safe and adequate water supply facilities in towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census) It is funded by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 50 50.

(ii) Mega City scheme provides for the central assistance for the development of infrastructure to large 5 metropolitan cities The funding pattern under the scheme is 25% Central Government, 25% State Government and 50% institutional finance

(c) to (e). Under AUWSP, 7 water supply schemes have been sanctioned during the Eighth Plan at a total cost of Rs 438 90 lakhs and a total amount of Rs 190 27 lakhs have been released towards central share The towns covered under this scheme are Belur, Saligrama, Chittaguppa, Kuttur, Kerur, Mundargi and Sadalga.

Under the Mega City scheme, water supply projects amounting to Rs. 44.19 crores have been approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee in the year 1995-96 for Bangalore City. An amount of Rs. 35.28 crores has been released as Central share for all projects qualifying assistance under the Mega City Programme which includes water supply components.

Assistance to Writers & Artists

499. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are provisions for giving pension/financial assistance to celebrated but old and financially helpless writers and artists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to persons distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life who are in indigent circumstances, and their dependents are eligible for pension/financial assistance subject to the condition that the personal income of the applicant (including income of the spouse) must exceed Rs 1,000/- per month and that the applicant should not be less than 58 years of age (The age limit does not apply in case of dependents apart from other conditions of eligibility)

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Unauthorised Buildings in Cantonment Area

500 SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Directorate of Defence Estates under the Central Command have taken steps to demolish the unauthorised buildings constructed in 'A' Class cantonment area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some officials of these cantonments under the said command are violating the Cantonment Act, 1924 in the process of demolishing such unauthorised buildings; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) There is no classification as 'A' Class Cantonments. The Central Command has 18 Class I Cantonments In all these Cantonments steps to demolish unauthorised constructions are taken by the concerned statutory authorities in accordance with